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## New Alumni Association Officials



## Alexander to Head Alumni Association Wise Elected Vice-President

A. G. "Ladd" Alexander, A.B. '50, of Shreveport, was elected President of the Northwestern State College Alumni Association at the business session concluding the annual alumni meeting on Homecoming Day, November 10. He succeeds E. H. Gilson, who has been serving as president for the last two years.

Alexander is engaged in the insurance business in Shreveport. He is the son of Mrs. Bernice Barnes Alexander and the late Prof. A. G. Alexander of Natchitoches.

Prior to his election, Alexander was a member of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association and a former president of the Rapides Parish Unit of the Alumni, and has been active in alumni work for several years.

Erbon W. Wise, A.B. '41, of Sulphur, was elected Vice-President of the Alumni Association. Wise is in the printing business

at Sulphur and is proprietor of the Wise Publications Co. He publishes the "Southwest Builder" and other publications in his area.

Mr. Wise was a member of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association and a former president of the Calcasieu Parish Unit of the Alumni, and has been actively engaged in alumni work for a number of years.

He is married to the former Willie Marie Norris, A.B. '41, of Natchitoches, and has three lovely children.

Mr. Wise succeeds Mr. Ted W. Wright of Bastrop as vice-president. Mr. Wright has been serving for the past four years, and also served on the Board of Directors for a four-year period prior to being elected vice-president.

Leroy S. Miller of Natchitoches was re-elected as Executive Secretary for the twenty-fifth time.

## Baton Rouge Alumni Elect Officers

Gaston M. England of Baton Rouge was elected to serve as president of the Baton Rouge Area Alumni at a meeting of the Alumni held at the home of Mrs. Marjorie Hagler Dial on 2206 Nicholson Drive, with some 75 to 80 members present.

Elected to serve with Mr. England were Mrs. Dial, vice-president; Mrs. Myrtle Youngblood McCain, secretary; and Mr. Abe Rhodes, treasurer.

At a dinner meeting held at Mike and Toni's Restaurant on November 1, the alumni elected their Board of Directors for the next year. Elected to the board were Dr. John M. Foote, Mr. Crayton Hall (retiring president), Mrs. Aliene Richardson Hays, Mrs. Earline Harris Heaton, Miss Pauline Jobe, Mrs. Louise Ford Peek, and Mr. T. J. Lewis.

President Kyser was present at the summer meeting, and Mr. Paul Marx and Leroy S. Miller attended the November meeting.

## Millard Hudson Named Pres. of Calcasieu Alumni

The Calcasieu Alumni of Northwestern State College met at Sammy's Restaurant on November 28 for their annual meeting, President Dale Bernard presiding.

Guests from the College for the occasion were President John S. Kyser and Alumni Secretary Miller. President Kyser spoke to the group.

At the business session following the dinner, officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Millard Hudson; Vice-President, Jerry Wise; Secretary-Treasurer, Vivian Langley; and Reporter, Mrs. Juanita Burt Smith. Re-appointed as Permanent Membership Chairman was Colen M. McSwain.

Members of the Board of Directors are to be appointed by the president at a later date.

Plans are already being made for the next annual meeting. Every effort will be made to get at least 125 members present. The largest attendance at a meeting held by the Calcasieu alumni group was slightly in excess of 100, and they wish to top that figure.

## Homecoming Enjoyed By Great Crowd

Alumni from all points of the compass began pouring into Natchitoches on Friday night and Saturday morning for the Homecoming celebration.

Registration and Coffee began at 8:30 on Saturday morning in the reception room of Varnado Hall. The big parade, the best ever, moved off the campus promptly at 10:30. With fourteen colorful and artistic floats, interspersed with 1957 cars loaded with beautiful co-eds, officials of the College, Alumni, and City. Bands, Marching units of the R.O.T.C., Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub (Continued on Page 2)

## Homecoming Queen



Pictured above is Mrs. Laurie Barillier Hennigan, Queen of the Homecoming Court at Natchitoches on Homecoming Day, November 10. Mrs. Hennigan is a senior in the School of Nursing and is the wife of Charles T. Hennigan, track and football star from Minden.

The Queen's Court consisted of Bennie Ruth Lagrone, Patsy McKnight, Helen Holleman, Mary Carroll, Rose Campbell, Mrs. Sara Sanders, Billie Walker, Mary Lou Simmons, Liz Burford, Jean Andrepont, and Mrs. Sidney Bankston.



## Winning Float in Homecoming Parade By Industrial Arts Club



Pictured above is the winning float in the Homecoming Parade. This float was made by the Industrial Arts Club and won the grand prize of \$75.

Other winners in the Parade, which had a total of 14 floats sponsored by student organiza-

tions, were Baptist Student Union, second place; Associated Women Students, third place; Sigma Tau Gamma, fourth place; and Sophomore Class, fifth place.

All floats, other than the winners listed above, received a prize

of \$5 each. Those organizations entering floats in this category were Theta Sigma Epsilon, Pi Kappa Phi, Delta Zeta, Pi Kappa Sigma, Alpha Sigma Alpha, R.O.T.C., Freshman Class, N Club, and Sigma Sigma Sigma.

### HOMEcoming—

(Continued from Page 1)

Scouts, and everything that goes to make for a good show, the parade formed a pleasing and magnificent spectacle.

The Alumni meeting followed at 11:15 with the presentation of classes, an address by President Kyser, and the election of officers. This was followed by a delightful luncheon, and everyone was ready for the football game.

Prior to the game the Homecoming Queen and her Court were presented. Half-time ceremonies were entitled "This Is Your Life" and dedicated to Coach Harry Turpin.

The game itself was all that could be desired and kept the spectators on their feet a great part of the time. Incidentally, the Demons won 38-19.

Following the game open house was held for returning alumni by all the various organizations. The Homecoming Ball ended the day's activities.

asks that the Alumni Columns be sent him at his present address.

Woolley stated: "After receiving my degree from Northwestern in 1936, I taught two years in the school at Jena, then spent three years in the University at Baton Rouge, where I received a degree in Geology.

"In 1940 I married Miss Bertha Mae Fisher of Columbia (Northwestern, 1937). We have two daughters, Linda, 11, and Carol, 11. At present I am employed by the United States Smelting Refining and Mining Co. as a Petroleum Geologist." \* \* \*

A note from Hays J. Dorgant, Mansura, reflects an interesting sidelight on earlier years at N.S.C. Dorgant said: "Although I did not receive any of my degrees at Normal, I still enjoy being the recipient of the Alumni Columns. I attended LSNC way back when—when I used to cut hedges on the Hill at 35c per hour, when the lights were switched on at the end of every reel for a two-fold purpose, when high water dresses were worn by the fairer sex, and when I was one of the few men on the campus to be able to walk in No Man's Land; the latter was possible because I carried a pair of shears."

Dorgant received his A.B. at Louisiana College and his M.Ed. Degree at L.S.U. He teaches in the East Baton Rouge schools.

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### HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

W. D. McKay, A.B. '27, teacher in the Bolton High School for the past 30 years, has just been named Louisiana's "High School Teacher of the Year." This makes him eligible for the National Teacher-of-the-Year award.

Mrs. Adele Reed of McCall's Magazine, one of the sponsors of the national award, came to Alexandria to observe McKay at work. She also represents the National Council of Chief School Officers and the U. S. Office of Education, co-sponsors of the national program.

Mrs. Reed said the teacher-of-the-year program was begun during World War II "not only to honor an outstanding teacher but also to pay respect to all teachers and to point out all the good things about them so as to encourage young people to enter the profession."

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### PROMOTED TO PRINCIPAL

William Roy Johnson, B.S. '44, was recently named as principal

of the Poland High School to succeed L. M. Nabours, former principal for 35 years, who resigned to accept the position of director of Educational and Recreation Center in Avoyelles Parish.

Johnson is a native of Rapides, is married, and has four children.

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Mrs. Gloria Schumaker Morris, B.S. (Nursing) '53, of 850 14th Street, Beaumont, Texas, has asked that her Columns be mailed to 428 Howard Street, Monroe.

Since her husband is employed by the Civil Aeronautics Administration and expects to be moving about frequently, she doesn't want to miss an issue.

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Mrs. Helen Johniken Brown, B.A. '15, of 1760 D South Bere-tania, Honolulu, Hawaii, writes that her Texas husband and she have been living on Oahu for the past three years. They have two sons, the younger just one month old, both of whom were born in Hawaii. She states they like living there but miss home still.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCoy, recently returned from Germany, wrote in to have their address changed to Box 241, Tallulah, Louisiana. Mrs. McCoy stated, "We enjoy receiving the Columns and especially did we enjoy them last year while in Germany."

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Mrs. James J. Vanasse of 152 May Street, Naugatuck, Connecticut, writes they have recently moved there and wish the Columns to keep on coming. Mrs. Vanasse is the former Ophelia Laroux, 3-Yr. Nursing Diploma, 1954.

Her husband was recently separated from the Air Force and is now on the faculty of the high school at Naugatuck, where they expect to make their permanent home.

Mrs. Vanasse said her older brother, Lt. (j.g.) Harold Laroux, is a Naval Pilot and is now living at 5259 Freemont Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

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Mrs. Mike Saloom, the former Helen Khoury, A.B. '47, has recently moved to 1624 Sixth Street, Lake Charles. She says there is always news of some of her classmates in the Alumni Columns.

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We have just received the address of Pvt. Joseph N. Vercher, Jr., B.S. '56. It is as follows: U.S. 54186150, Hq. Hq & Ser. Co., 3rd Sig. Bn. (P) 3rd. Inf. Div., Fort Benning, Georgia.

## ALUMNI Here N' There

### PETROLEUM GEOLOGIST

A letter from W. L. Woolley, 1305 Spark Street, Midland, Texas,



## Don't Feel Well? Pick A Nurse!



Pity the poor patient who is trying to keep up with his nurse if he should be fortunate enough to draw either of these four pairs of potential nurses to wait on him. Oh well, it wouldn't make any difference anyway—he would be lucky either way.

Pictured above are two sets of twins and two sets of sisters who

enrolled in the School of Nursing in September. Reading from left to right, front row, are twins, Doris and Jean Potmesil, of Deville, and Billie Rue and Martha Sue Raphiel, of Campti. On the top row, left to right, are sisters Dorothee and Elvajane Coffman, of Ruston, and Sylvia and Julia Maum, of DeRidder.

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FOR 1956-1957

Nov. 27.....	H	Stephen F. Austin
Dec. 7.....		East Texas State
Dec. 8.....		Stephen F. Austin
Dec. 10.....	H	Centenary
Dec. 12.....	H	East Texas State
Dec. 14.....	H	Southeastern Oklahoma State
Dec. 15.....	H	Southeastern Oklahoma State
Dec. 17.....	H	Southwestern Louisiana Institute*
Dec. 20.....		Southern State of Arkansas
Dec. 27-29.....		La. Invitational Tournament—Shreveport
Jan. 2.....	H	North Texas State
Jan. 5.....		Louisiana College
Jan. 7.....	H	Southern State of Arkansas
Jan. 11.....	H	McNeese State*
Jan. 15.....		Louisiana Tech*
Jan. 19.....		Northeast State*
Jan. 26.....		North Texas State
Jan. 29.....		Centenary
Feb. 2.....		McNeese State*
Feb. 5.....	H	Louisiana College
Feb. 8.....		Southwestern Louisiana Institute*
Feb. 12.....	H	Louisiana Tech*
Feb. 23.....	H	Northeast State*
Feb. 26.....		Southeastern Louisiana*
Mar. 1.....	H	Southeastern Louisiana*
Mar. 5-9.....		G.S.C. Tournament—Lake Charles

H—Home Game

\*—Conference Game

All Home Games begin at 7:30 except on Saturday Nights, when the game time is 8:00.

## Demons Tie For Second Place In GSC

Relegated to the second division in Gulf States Conference play in early season predictions, the Demon football team overcame an early losing streak and broke into the win column for a season's record of six wins, two losses, and two ties. One of the wins listed was a forfeiture of the McNeese State game due to an ineligible player.

Following the defeat of Louisiana College (13-7) and Stetson University (13-7), the Demons battled the Tech Bulldogs to a scoreless tie and came back to defeat Howard Payne 13-6. Against Northeast State at Monroe, the Demons were expecting a terrific battle, since Northeast was the highest scoring team in the conference. The Demons were evidently "up" for this game and piled up a score of 24 points before the Indians, on the last play, connected for a touchdown pass to end the game 24-7.

Against the Southwestern Bulldogs on Homecoming Day, Tolar, Hale, and Hennigan, aided by McNew and Hoffpauir, racked up 476 yards against the Bulldogs' 224 yards for a stunning 38-19 victory. However, the Demon scoring spree did not get into positive

action until the fourth quarter. With the Demons leading 18-13 in the third quarter, Southwestern's Lewis completed a pass, good for 39 yards, to the Demon 5. McNew threw Davis for a loss, but Foreman drove to the one-yard line and Davis drove over for a touchdown, gaining the lead 19-18.

Two fourth-down gambles, one by each club, failed and left the Demons in possession of the ball on their own 32. On the first play Hale broke over right tackle and raced 68 yards to the end zone. Fontenot converted. Brudder Wampold took a 21-yard pass. Hennigan picked up 8. McNew rolled to the 22, and Tolar roared over for another TD.

Late in the game Hoffpauir flipped a pass to Mixon Bankston on the SLI 20. Bankston ricocheted the pass to Kidd, who went over for the final score.

Playing for the Conference championship against Southeastern, the Demons took an early lead to go ahead 15-6, but the Lions were not to be denied and fought back to bring the score to 15-13, and scored again on two successive 15-yard penalties against the Demons, winning by a score of 20-15.



Promotions to these two young men came in a double package recently when the Rapides Parish School Board named Tom Paul Southerland, B.S. '43, pictured on the left, as principal of the Alexandria Junior High School when the newly constructed school opens in September, 1957.

Southerland has been principal of the Cherokee Elementary School for the past four years. Prior to that time he taught at Bolton High School five and one-half years.

Southerland is married to the former Maxine Aycock, B.S. '42,

of Alexandria. They have one daughter, Judy Ann.

Travis Funderburk, right, B.S. '50, who is presently serving as assistant of Cherokee Elementary School for the fourth year, will be promoted to the principalship of the school to replace Southerland. He taught three years at Bolton before becoming assistant principal at Cherokee.

Funderburk is married and has two sons.

Both Mr. Southerland and Mr. Funderburk received their Master's Degrees at L.S.U.



## Cupid's Doings

(Most of these items have been crowded out of preceding issues. We give them in a brief form)

JACQUELINE BOURG, B.S. (Nursing) '56, and Frank Thomas Grasso, Jr.

LOYCE TODD, B.S. '56, and WILLIAM HERBERT PLUMB, B.S. '56.

VIRGINIA ANN DEASON, B.S. '56, and CHARLES WILLIAM HOLMES, ex '55.

BARBARA ANN WESSON, student, and CHARLES GUY TOLAR, student.

CONNIE ELSIE HANSON, B.S. '56, and JACK TILLMAN BAILES, student.

SHIRLEY MARY WELSH, student, and John August Cashore.

JIMMIE SHOWS, B.S. '55, and RONALD LEBO, student.

Glenita Cross and LT. JAMES BYRON MCCAIN, B.S. '55.

BESSIE MARIE BAEDER, student, and John O. Hemperley.

Patricia Pearl Waller and WALTER JERRY GARVIN, student. (CAMPUS 1 DO'S)

Bennie Cook-Horace McCann; Louise Bell-Huey Pierce Thomas; Mary Ann Walton-Gerald Crump; Magdalene Weber-Larry Whitt; Carolyn Avery-Keith Rhodes; Alice Adams-Fred Fanta, Jr.; Mary Jon Neely-Carroll Converse; Jean Varnado-Delbert Vines; Betty Wilson-James Enloe; Kay Presley-Johnny Schmidt.

Bobby Earl Woods



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Students and Alumni of the Shreveport area who attend the basketball games at the Louisiana Invitational Tournament on December 27-29 are urged to sit together in the Northwestern section and root for the Demons.

## BIRTHS

Captain and Mrs. A. C. Willis, USAF, AG Div.—SHAPE, APO 55, New York, now stationed in Paris, sent in the following: "Little Marlisa Jane, weighing in at only 3 lbs., 13 ozs., and arriving on her brother Bruce's birthday, spent the first three weeks in the hospital incubator. She is home now and doing fine. Not satisfied with having the same birthday as her brother, she is an exact copy of him as well."

Little Marlisa Jane arrived on September 27.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alton Bailey (Mary Sue Bellew), 2328 Coliseum Street, New Orleans, have announced the arrival of a daughter, Margaret Sue, on October 20. She will make a niece playmate for her brother, Truman, Jr., who is 25 months of age.

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Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shilling (Carmen Basco, A.B. '52) are the proud parents of their second child. The new arrival, a boy, is named Richard Keith. The

Jimmy Sam Woods



Bobby Earl and Jimmy Sam are the two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Woods of Hord St., Box 278, Grayson, Kentucky. Bobby Earl is 26 months old, and Jimmy Sam is 10 months of age; however

the above pictures were made at 21½ and 6½ months, respectively.

Mrs. Woods is the former Lorraine Dawson, B.S. in Nursing '53, of Baton Rouge. She states that "It's so exciting to read of college friends in the Alumni Columns."

Candy and Cindy Sibley



Candy and Cindy are the 8-month-old twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. "Bubba" Sibley of 253 Pennsylvania, Shreveport. Both the parents are graduates of N.S.C.; Mrs. Sibley, the former

Beverly Ross, received her B.S. Degree in 1947, and Mr. Sibley received his B.S. Degree in 1948.

Mr. Sibley has been coach at Broadmoor Junior High School since 1919.

parents presently reside at Gorum.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hughes of Leesville are the proud parents of a son, Ken Allen, born October 29. Mr. Hughes, B.S. '51, is principal of the Leesville Junior High School. The mother is the former Mary Powell, B.S. '50, of Natchitoches.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Oakes, ex '50, of Homer, announce the birth of their first child, a son, James Madison Oakes, on November 10. Mr. Oakes is presently employed as Office Deputy and Tax Collector in the Claiborne Sheriff's office.

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Mr. and Mrs. Don Williford, B.S. '51, of 3102½ Midway, Shreveport, have announced the arrival of a son, Donald Keith Williford, on October 29. The mother is the former Rosemary Berger, ex '50.

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We have received an announcement that two sisters, Mrs. A. V. Hilton (Betty Dezendorf, B.S. '51) of Natchitoches, and Mrs. V. H. Wilkerson (Dorothy Dezendorf, A.B. '51), have 5-month-old sons. Sorry, no names given.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rike, 700 Starlin, Sulphur, have announced the birth of a daughter, Connie Dianne, on November 9. Mrs. Rike is the former Margie Moore, B.S. '49, of Noble. The Rikes have one other child, Andy, age 2½ years.

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